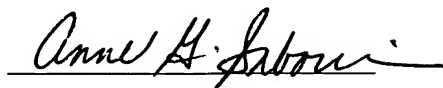


**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the preliminary amendment, claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 3- 24 have been amended to comport with U.S. Patent Office regulations. Examination of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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